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## Semi Roll-Over Collision

On March 9, 2006 at approximately 3:50 AM, Norman G. Kropf, a 75 year old resident of Halsey, Oregon, was driving a 2000 Freightliner Semi pulling a container loaded with hay on northbound I-5 just north of the Ridgefield Junction. Kropf encountered heavy snow causing poor visibility causing the Semi to drift onto the right shoulder. Kropf attempted to correct back to the left, but the slush on the right shoulder forced him into the ditch. The Semi plowed into the dirt forcing it to roll coming to rest on its right side.

Kropf wasn't injured in the collision and was cited for speeds too fast for the conditions.

The right lane was blocked for approximately one hour. The container was removed approximately four hours later.

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